

Death and Marriage On Pickens Route 3

D. W. Cantrell, Jr., died at his home near Holly Springs church, on Pickens route 3, Thursday night, April 19, after several weeks' illness. Pneumonia, which developed from a case of measles, was the cause of his death. Mr. Cantrell had lived in this community about eight years and was known to be an industrious man and a good citizen. He was an earnest worker in the church at Holly Springs, where he was a member, and helped in other good causes. Many friends attended the funeral services at Holly Springs Saturday afternoon, conducted by Rev. Mr. Hudson. Mr. Cantrell is survived by his widow, two sons, Cephas and Walter, and one daughter, Mrs. John Edens, all of Pickens route 3. May God comfort the bereaved ones.

A happy wedding took place at the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. McD. Chappell, near Montvale school house, Sunday, April 22, when their daughter, Miss Nora, was united in the holy bonds of marriage to Mr. John Gravelly of the Holly Springs section. Mr. Gravelly is a son of J. Connie Gravelly and spent several years in Montana. The bride is one of the most popular young ladies of this community, where her attractive manner and beautiful character has won for her many friends, who extend congratulations, wishing for them all that they may wish.

Dr. David M. Ramsay, president of the Greenville Woman's college and pastor of the Pickens Baptist church, preached an excellent sermon at Montvale school house the fourth Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock to an attentive gathering of people. A union Sunday school was organized after the service for the glory of God and the benefit of little children, and will be held at the school house provided the trustees do not object. The officers elected were W. T. Gravelly, superintendent; Roark Powell, assistant; McD. Chappell, secretary and treasurer.

Montvale school closed a seven months session last Friday, April 27. The average attendance throughout the session was excellent, being above the average for a two-teacher school. Fifty pupils were present on the closing day. The school has been in charge of H. W. Hiott, with Miss Ruth Cameron, assistant.

Pleasant Grove Section News

The old man Jack Moody of Greenville paid his son Riley a short visit in this section last week.

D. L. Barker went to Greenville on business last week and says while there he saw a German man.

Jule and Tillman Hendricks have purchased a Ford car.

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel McJunkin of Oolenoy visited P. B. Rigdon and family last Sunday.

There was a birthday dinner given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Fortner on Sunday, April 22, in honor of Mrs. Fortner, who was forty-five years old that day. A good crowd was present and everybody seemed to enjoy the occasion. Mrs. Fortner, before her marriage, was Miss Mollie Duncan of Belton and is a daughter of James R. Duncan, who now lives at Anderson. The writer wishes that Mrs. Fortner may live to enjoy many more birthday dinners.

Mrs. Mary Jane Fortner is on a visit to her daughter, Mrs. Jane Phillips, near Greenville.

Robert Keith of Oolenoy was thru this section on business last week.

Johnny Cox of this section now has about one hundred fat goats and we hope Mr. Cox will let us celebrate a birthday dinner for him sometime before long. Are sure we would enjoy it very much, as Johnny is a good talker any way.

Absalom Talley, Jr., who has been disabled for some time with a sprained wrist is able to work again. P. G. S.

Monroe C. Smith was in Anderson county last week on business and while there took dinner with his friend George LaBoon and one of the delicacies on Mr. LaBoon's table was alfalfa. Alfalfa is a new dish for the people and this was the first Mr. Smith had ever eaten. He said it was good and tasted like turnip greens. In fact, when Mr. Smith was finishing his second plate full Mr. LaBoon asked him if he knew what he was eating. "Sure," replied Mr. S., "turnip greens." "No," said Mr. LaBoon, "that's alfalfa." "I don't care," says Mr. S., "it's good; gimme some more." Mr. Smith says he feels more relieved about the food situation now that he has a friend with a twenty-acre field of alfalfa.

Planting More Food- stuffs in Pickens Co.

Farmers from every section of Pickens county report that more foodstuff is being planted in this county this year than ever before. The farmers seem to be awake to the situation and know that the salvation of the country depends upon them.

People in town are also paying more attention to planting gardens. Dr. Hallum at the Pickens Drug Co. store says that he has sold more garden seeds this spring than ever before, and the same is true at other stores.

The present indications are that with good seasons the people of Pickens county will not have to call on other sections of the country for something to eat this year.

New Oolenoy School House Is Completed

OOLENOY, April 22.—The finishing of a coat of white paint practically completes the replacing of the Oolenoy graded school building that was destroyed by fire a few days before the Christmas holidays. The work was begun the 3d of January. During that month and the one following the greater part of the work was done—without even a glance at the weather calendar for that length of time we can readily recall those extreme conditions—with stoic perseverance a squad of hands worked at the building while others, with teams oftentimes ankle deep in mud or with their "shoulder to the wheel" of their own or a neighbor's wagon, to help out of a bad pull, were engaged in the arduous task of laying down the lumber and other building materials.

The contract was let to W. F. Hendricks for the sum of \$2,100, but those who are in position to estimate the actual cost are of the opinion that this will fall far short. The material throughout has been of the best. The structure is a two-story one, the lower to be used for classrooms, the upper to be fitted up as an auditorium. It is modeled from a plan given out by the State and is in every respect modern. Plans abreast of the times were insisted upon. In many respects it is superior to the old building—mistakes which were made in the one were corrected in the other.

The spirit in which the citizens met this crisis which arose at the destruction of their school building is most noteworthy. They had sustained a great loss—the loss of a building which was practically new—a small debt still hung over it. It had been a hard struggle to get it. Many were opposed to the undertaking. They thought that it would be out of keeping with other surroundings—but at last it was built—a pioneer, it stood in all this up-section. With its white coat, nestling as it were among the green hills, cuts of it were shown in educational journals. Passersby noticed and commented on it. Old people nodded approvingly at it and spoke of the progress of the times. All were proud of it. But history is ever repeating itself. Memory goes back to the Judas of the twelve disciples—to Benedict Arnold of his time and others of ignoble fame.

For a traitor had likewise arisen in our very midst, and at an early hour on that leaden December night he left that magnificent school house in charred ruins. But thanks and honor to the courage of these citizens who arose with a determination to re-build and to do it better than before—to take another step near toward the ideal—"Truth crushed to earth will rise again."

From Rices Creek

The people of this community are progressing nicely with their farming.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Ellenburg visited the latter's brother, Eugene Collins, near Six Mile, Sunday.

Miss Belle Roper returned home Saturday from Easley, after a week's visit with her brother. She reports a nice time.

Born, April 16, to Mr. and Mrs. Alex. Waldrop, a little girl.

J. R. Jackson of Duncan visited W. F. Haynes Sunday.

Misses Myrtle Hughes and Zetta Gillespie were callers of Miss Tempie Ellenburg Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Garrett visited the latter's father, B. P. Powell, Sunday.

Charlie Smith and family visited Ben Haynes Sunday.

David Pressley and wife spent the week-end in Greenville with relatives.

J. M. Gillespie spent Saturday night with his brother, F. D. Gillespie.

Misses Lake and Ida Roper visited their aunt, Miss Belle Roper, Sunday.

Mrs. N. E. Hughes and little granddaughter, Ethel Hudson, visited Mrs. Butler Roper Saturday.

John Atkinson and family visited at the home of P. G. Nelson recently.

Lewis Stock Powder is medicine. Keowee Pharmacy.

WANT TELEGRAPH AND EXPRESS OFFICE ESTABLISHED AT PICKENS

Efforts are now being made to get an express office and telegraph office established in Pickens, as the following self-explanatory letters will indicate. Other developments will likely soon take place regarding the establishment of these offices here and we hope to keep our readers posted as to them.

Following is a copy of a letter written by Sam B. Craig, Esq., to Frank W. Shealy, member of the South Carolina Railroad Commission:

Pickens, S. C., April 19, 1917.
Hon. Frank W. Shealy, R. R. Commissioner for S. C.
Columbia, S. C.:

Dear Mr. Shealy: The citizens of Pickens are very anxious to get an express office and a telegraph office located at Pickens. As it now stands we have to phone all of our telegrams to Greenville, S. C., a distance of 20 miles, and frequently the line is busy and connection bad, and we are forced to send all telegrams and receive all telegrams by phone.

The nearest express office is located at Easley, S. C., a distance of eight miles from Pickens.

Under the present system we have to pay forty cents to get an express package from Greenville, S. C., a distance 20 miles and the same package can be sent from Greenville, S. C. to Wallalla, S. C., a distance of about 60 miles, for 25 cents. This seems to us that it is an injustice and we beg to put this matter before your Board for your consideration, and shall be glad that you advise me what steps you require of us to get it before you. Please write me if we will have to take this matter up before you by petition and about when can we be heard on the matter.

The business of this place has grown so that we feel as it would pay either of the companies to place an office at this place. The town has cotton mill, two banks, oil mill country seat, and some of the best retail mercantile establishments in the up per part of the state. The town of Pickens is not the only argument that we have for this matter. The territory north of Pickens and west of Pickens, is fine farming country and in fact this office would affect one-half of the farming interest of Pickens county.

We have one of the largest voting precincts in the state, voting here and at the Pickens Mill almost one thousand votes.

In giving you better idea of the people that would be served from these offices, we have six rural mail routes and one star route.

Thanking you for giving this matter prompt attention, advising me at your earliest convenient time, I am Truly yours,
SAM B. CRAIG.

Following is a copy of Mr. Shealy's reply to Mr. Craig:

Columbia, April 25th, 1917.
Mr. Sam B. Craig,
Pickens, S. C.:

Dear Mr. Craig:

I am in receipt of yours of the 19th inst. In reply will say that I have this day brought the matter to the attention of the entire Board and we have taken the matter up in a formal way with the companies interested and shall be pleased to inform you of such results as we may be able to obtain.

You may rest assured that the entire Commission realizes the necessity of the things demanded by you and will use every means at our command to get such conveniences for the town of Pickens and adjacent community as is possible for us to obtain.

With kindest personal regards, I am Your friend,
FRANK W. SHEALY,
Commissioner.

Following is a copy of a letter written by Mr. Shealy to the general manager of the Southern Express Co.:

Columbia, S. C., April 25, 1917.
Mr. J. B. Hockaday, V. P. & G. M., Southern Express Co., Atlanta, Ga.:

Dear Sir:—The copy of letter which I am enclosing herewith is self-explanatory. The Commission is aware of the conditions existing at Pickens, S. C., and earnestly requests that you take such steps as are necessary to bring the needed results to the people of that town and to the community which an express office at Pickens would serve. We feel sure that you can obtain from the Pickens Railroad such considerations as are necessary to bring these conveniences about, and in this connection the Commission will be pleased to join hands with you and with the Pickens Railroad Company in any legitimate way that will furnish the service so much needed by these people. We shall await an early reply from you.

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Army Wants 50 Men From Pickens County

The authorities are asking for fifty men from Pickens county for the regular army before June 1. The regular army must be recruited to full war strength at once and the government is urging young men to join the colors.

If you are going to join the army now is the time to do it. Don't wait to be conscripted. Each county in the United States is being asked for a certain number of men between now and June 1, and fifty men is Pickens county's pro rata share to recruit the regular army to war strength.

Anyone wishing to join the army may apply to the nearest postmaster or to the recruiting station at 1181 South Main street, Greenville, S. C.

Smiths Grove Church Dedicated Last Sun.

Smiths Grove Baptist church, located about half way between Easley and Liberty, dedicated their new house of worship last Sunday morning. Rev. D. W. Hiott preached the sermon, his theme being "The Glorious Church." Text: Ephesians 5:27.

After the sermon the dedicatory prayer was offered by Rev. W. M. Walker. Brother Walker was pastor when the church was built and led in the building of the house. He made a short talk before the sermon, giving a brief history of the work.

A few years ago Brother Walker became pastor of the Reunion Baptist church, where they worshipped in a union building. Feeling that the church could do better work in a house of their own, he urged the church to build. Bro. Nathan Smith, a big-hearted, generous man, gave a beautiful lot of land on which to build, situated about a mile and a half from the old church. The name of the church was changed from Reunion to Smiths Grove, in honor of the man who gave the land.

The new house is a commodious building, painted white, and paid for. The exact cost was not stated.

A bountiful dinner was served on the ground at 2 o'clock. The clouds which were hovering at the beginning of the service had lifted during the sermon and the dinner hour was bright.

In the afternoon splendid addresses were made by Rev. W. C. Seaborn and Rev. John Gillespie. Soul-stirring songs were sung by a trained choir, who made the welkin ring with glad songs of Zion.

Rev. T. E. Durham, popular young pastor, a recent graduate of the Six Mile Academy and who declares his purpose to enter Furman this fall, deserves much credit for the work he has done and is still doing among the churches.

Much credit is due Rev. J. W. Sheriff, who lives in the community and cooperates with the people in their good work.

D. W. H.

Brilliant Reception

One of the most brilliant social events of the season was the reception Tuesday evening given by Mr. T. D. Harris in honor of his daughter, Miss Gertrude, whose wedding to Mr. S. C. Kelly was a lovely event of Wednesday afternoon, April 25. The home was tastefully decorated for the occasion in ferns and lovely cut flowers, and in the dining-room the color scheme of pink and white was beautifully carried out.

The guests were met at the door by Mrs. James P. Carey, Jr., and Miss Kathleen Harris, who ushered them to the receiving line, in which were Miss Gertrude Harris, Mrs. S. B. Kelly, Mrs. H. B. Hendricks, Mrs. Hodges, Mrs. W. T. Jones and Mrs. Harry Harris, Mrs. Willie Harris and Mrs. Guy McFall presided at the register.

Among the out-of-town guests present were Mr. Carl Morgan of Spartanburg; Mr. LeRoy Gaines, Central; O. B. Boggs, Clemson; Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Harris, Greenville; V. O. Sherley, Liberty; Dr. L. Falls, and J. B. Falls, Central; Dexter Kelley, Charlotte, N. C.; Miss Elizabeth Harris, Greenville; Miss Naomi Green, Wilmington, N. C., and M. E. Alexander, Columbia.

One of the delightful features of the evening was the cutting of the bride's cake, Hansel Bivens cutting the ring, Prof. Campbell the button, Ernest Christopher the dime, Mrs. J. B. Falls the thimble.

During the evening a delicious ice course and mints were served.

Don't forget the date, Saturday afternoon, May 5, at Easley. This is when the Linwood Land and Investment Co. will sell some nice residence lots and small farms on easy terms.

Twelve Mile Union Meeting Was Good

The Twelve Mile River union met with the Fall Creek church April 28, 1917. Rev. E. M. Bolding, moderator, and Bro. James Finley, clerk, were at their places.

The introductory sermon was preached by Rev. R. F. Jones. Then came the real expression of the genuine hospitality of these good people. It is sufficient to say plenty of dinner was on the ground for the whole crowd.

In the afternoon the union assembled and began its program work. First came the organization, in which Rev. R. A. Hudson and J. D. Vickery were elected moderator and clerk, respectively.

The first query: Can a person be a true Baptist without having a real mission spirit? was opened by Rev. J. A. Bond and discussed by Brethren E. M. Bolding, C. R. Abercrombie, J. D. Vickery, R. A. Hudson, B. P. Murphree, R. F. Jones and David Ramoy. The answer: No person can be a true Baptist without he exercise a true mission spirit as God shines the light on him.

Then came the second query: What is the duty and responsibility of the executive committee of the Twelve Mile River association? Opened by Rev. E. F. Murphree and discussed by Brethren C. R. Abercrombie, J. A. Bond and E. M. Bolding. The answer was to advise after becoming acquainted with existing conditions.

The arranging committee was appointed, as follows: Rev. E. M. Bolding, Central route 2; J. D. Vickery, Central route 4; Joe Massingill, Pickens route 2.

Requests and queries may be sent to either of the above brethren.

On Sunday morning the appointed minister, M. J. Stancell was absent and the committee selected Rev. B. F. Murphree to fill his place. We think Bro. Murphree was at his best, as the sermon was real good.

Again we enjoyed another grand feast.

There were many people from distant places who shall ever remember these fine people for their kindness shown during this union meeting.

REV. R. A. HUDSON, Mod.
J. D. VICKERY, Clerk.

(Keowee Courier and Farm and Factory please copy.)

Along Marietta Route 2

Mr. and Mrs. Allen K. Edens of Oolenoy visited with W. A. Edens last Sunday.

E. T. Edens and family visited at Henry M. Looper's of Dacusville route 1 last Sunday.

J. E. Edens is visiting his grandmother, Mrs. Mira Turner, of Dacusville route 1 this week.

School will close at Peters Creek on Friday, May 4, with an entertainment at 8 o'clock p. m.

Rev. J. E. Foster preached an able sermon to an attentive congregation at Mt. Tabor last (fourth) Sunday, from Matt. 24:7.

Florine, the 8-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Edens, had the misfortune to fall and break her arm last week. After being set by the family physician, Dr. W. M. Ponder, she is getting along nicely.

Ary, the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Edens, who has been quite sick, is better at this writing.

J. D. McConnell is going to move his sawmill to Augustus Whitman's farm, near here, pretty soon. "Drake" will saw lumber, war or no war.

Our farmers seem to be very much interested in planting food and feed crops to the extent that many of them are cutting down the cotton crop one-half. Let every farmer in old Pickens county put forth their greatest efforts to produce one of the best and largest food and feed crops in our history.

PROGRESSIVE.

Pickens Came Third in Track Meet

The Westminster high school track team won the annual state high school track meet at Columbia last Friday with a total of 24 points. The Liberty school team was a close second with 21 points and the Pickens school team came third with 16 points. Schools from every section of the state were represented, and it is rather singular that the neighboring counties of Pickens and Oconee carried off all the honors.

Thomas of Liberty was the individual star of the meet, winning 16 points for his team. He also broke the record for the 100-yard dash, making it in 10.2 seconds. A new record of 42 feet and 1 inch was established by O'Dell of Pickens for the best shot put. The previous record was 39 feet 5.5 inches.